

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The drawings have been amended as follows:

- 1) Drawings 1-9 are presented on replacement sheets. Drawing 10 is presented on a new sheet.

Replacement Sheet 1 (Figure 1 and Figure 2)

Replacement Sheet 2 (Figure 3 and Figure 4)

Replacement Sheet 3 (Figure 5 and Figure 6)

Replacement Sheet 5 (Figure 9)

New Sheet 6 (Figure 10)

- 2) Fig. 1 had previously been amended in Applicants' reply to the previous Office Action of November 10, 2008. It is being presented again on a replacement sheet and without further amendments. Specifically, Fig. 1 had been amended to include reference numerals 40 (conical cavity) and 50 (ball beatings). Support for these features can be found at page 6 of the specification.

- 3) Fig. 3 and Fig. 4 had previously been amended in Applicants' reply to the previous Office Action of November 10, 2008. Fig. 3 and Fig. 4 are presented again on a replacement sheet.

- a. Reference numerals had been added to Fig. 3 and Fig. 4 showing interstitial regions (90). Support for this feature can be found on page 8 of the specification. No amendment is being made to Fig. 3 currently.

- b. In Fig. 4, the reference numerals showing filler material (100) and shading for the filler material have

now been deleted.

c. The Examiner had objected to Fig. 4 as allegedly introducing new matter i.e., the depiction of the filler material. Applicants disagree with the Examiner that the mere addition of reference numerals "100" to matter that is adequately disclosed in the specification (on page 8) constitutes new matter. Without conceding the correctness of the Examiner's rejections, and solely in order to facilitate obtaining the allowance of the above-identified application, the reference numerals showing filler material (100) and shading for the filler material in Fig. 4 have now been deleted. In view of this amendment Applicants submit that the objection to Fig. 4 is moot and respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

- 4) Fig. 6 and Fig. 9 are being presented again on replacement sheets. No amendments have been made. Applicants did not amend Fig. 6 or introduce a new Fig. 6 in Applicants' reply to the previous Office Action of November 10, 2008.
- 5) Fig. 10: New Fig. 10 has been added, directed to an embodiment which is described in the specification. Fig. 10 is a side view of an exemplary embodiment of the present invention having a dual recess configuration. Plate (20) is constructed using planar segments (70) with dual recesses that are connected via connecting members (80). This figure is supported in the specification, for example, by Fig. 4; on page 3, lines 29-32; on page 6, lines 9-19; on page 7 lines 23-31; and on page 8, lines 6-14.

Applicants submit that the all of the drawing amendments presented herein are fully supported by the current specification, and therefore do not contain any new matter.